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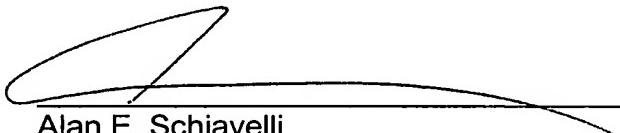
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, Applicants  
hereby claim the right of priority based on German Patent Application No. 199 07  
241.8, filed in Germany on February 19, 1999.

The certified copy of the above-referred to German Patent Application was  
filed in prior application PCT/EP00/00274, filed January 15, 2000.

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